

**ACT 26** (AB37/SB55) Allows for operation of a school bus with a trailer or semi-trailer attached if the school bus is registered with another state and that state's law permits buses with attached trailers or semi-trailers.

Effective: June 3, 2003

**ACT 30** (AB88) Lowers the BAC limit to 0.08 from 0.10 for first and second offense OWI for operation of a motor vehicle, ATV, snowmobile and motorboats. Exempts individuals convicted with a BAC limit of 0.08 to 0.099 for first offense from paying court costs, OWI surcharge, and crime lab fees. Also exempts these first offenders from court-ordered AODA assessment and limits retention of records for individuals convicted at a BAC limit of 0.08 to 0.099 to 10 years.

Effective: September 30, 2003

**ACT 33** (SB44, Biennial Budget Bill 2003-2005)

- Increases motor vehicle registration fees for automobiles from \$45.00 to \$55.00 per year. Increases vehicle title transfer fee from \$8.50 to \$18.50.  
Effective: October 1, 2003
- Allow DMV to charge convenience fee for oversize/overweight permits via phone or Internet. Expand registration fees deposited in Registration Fee Trust pledged for bond repayment. Extend environmental impact fee to December 31, 2005. Extends surcharge on oversize/overweight permits to June 30, 2005.  
Effective: October 1, 2003
- Requires all CDL drivers who hold an "H" endorsement to pass a background check every four years, and requires that all applicants have legal presence (citizenship or residency). Shortens renewal cycle for "H" endorsement holders to four years.  
Effective: November 1, 2003
- Brings Wisconsin into compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 by requiring disqualification of commercial driver license (CDL) privileges for serious offenses committed while operating a non-Commercial Motor Vehicle as well as a Commercial Vehicle.  
Effective: September 30, 2003

**ACT 71** Requires DMV to place the words "combat-wounded veteran" on Purple Heart plates, when DMV redesigns and reissues the plates.

Effective: November 26, 2003

**ACT 74** (AB375/SB181) Increases the penalties for failing to remain at the scene of an accident resulting in great bodily harm.

Effective: November 27, 2003

**ACT 76** Distinguishes a motor vehicle wholesaler from a motor vehicle distributor and requires a bond or letter of credit for \$25,000 for a wholesaler/wholesale dealer; increases bond/letter of credit for motor vehicle dealers to \$50,000; and clarifies who may claim against dealer bonds.

Effective: November 27, 2003

**ACT 77** Makes changes to allowable provisions in dealer-manufacturer franchise agreements.

Effective: November 27, 2003

**ACT 80** (AB232/SB86) Prohibits a person from intentionally absconding from a service station, garage or other place where gasoline or diesel fuel is sold without payment.

Effective: December 6, 2003

**ACT 97** (AB458/SB224): Prohibits a person from operating a vehicle, ATV, snowmobile, or a motorboat or operating or being armed with a firearm if he or she has a detectable amount of a restricted, controlled substance in his or her blood regardless of whether the person's ability to operate a vehicle or firearm has been impaired.

Effective: December 19, 2003.

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